

Why serve? Here's one volunteer's answer...

I volunteered because I was
disgusted with the legal profession.

I now realize that ... this disgust
was based on the image projected in
the newspapers and on TV....

In participating [as a volunteer on
an Office of Lawyer Regulation
committee] ... I now admire the
legal profession and the manner that
they are active in correcting
questionable legal procedures by a
few members of that profession.

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The Wisconsin Supreme Court

Needs YOU!



A message from Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson



Dear Friend:

We need lawyers and non-lawyers from every county of the state to serve on Wisconsin Supreme Court boards and committees. The Court relies on volunteers, both lawyers and non-lawyers, because of their diverse expertise and community presence, to perform this essential service.

This brochure presents information about several boards and committees for which we need volunteers. If your schedule will not currently accommodate this opportunity, I hope that you will pass this material on to someone who might wish to serve.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Opportunities to serve

There are many opportunities to serve on court-related boards and committees. This brochure highlights three areas where volunteers are critically important. Detailed information on each of these areas is available on our Web site at www.wicourts.gov/about/committees/participate.htm.

The **Board of Bar Examiners** (BBE) is an 11-member board comprised of lawyers and non-lawyers who evaluate the skills, character, and fitness of lawyers seeking to practice in Wisconsin. The lawyer-members also write and grade the Wisconsin Bar Examination.

The **Office of Lawyer Regulation** (OLR) is an agency of the Supreme Court that helps the Court to fulfill its constitutional responsibility to supervise the practice of law in Wisconsin. The work of the OLR is divided among the Board of Administrative Oversight, the Preliminary Review Committee, and 16 District

Investigative Committees that are headquartered in cities throughout the state. All of these entities require the volunteer participation of lawyers and non-lawyers.

The **State Bar Board of Governors** is the body that manages and directs the affairs of the State Bar of Wisconsin, the association to which all lawyers licensed to practice in Wisconsin must belong.

Let us hear from you

There are two ways to apply.

1. Mail, e-mail, or fax a cover letter that describes your background and interests, states why you would like to serve, and indicates your preference of committee, if any. Information on where to send your material is on the back panel of this brochure.

2. Download a simple application form from our Web site. The form and detailed information about opportunities to serve are on the Web at

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